



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants: Tadashi FUKUMOTO et al

For: BREAKWATER GENERATING STRUCTURE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 12 as follows. A marked-up copy is enclosed.

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12. (Amended) A submerged breakwater generating structure comprising a reef having slits provided at an upper portion thereof and a vertical wall defining said reef at an offshore side thereof, the vertical wall having at least one opening at a lower end thereof, said reef being formed as two stages and placed on a mound, a through path being provided from said reef to a coastal side of said breakwater generating structure and an opening end of said through path being provided to a base of said mound.